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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

In re search of: digital devices seized from  
South 209<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines

NO. MJ14-066 BAT

GOVERNMENT'S  
MOTION TO UNSEAL SEARCH  
WARRANT RELATED MATERIALS  
AND ~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

The United States of America, by and through Annette L. Hayes, United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington, and S. Kate Vaughan, Assistant United States Attorney for said District, requests entry of an order unsealing the search warrant, application, affidavit in support and accompanying return ("search warrant related materials") filed in the above captioned matter. The Court previously directed that the search warrant related materials be sealed at the government's request. The materials were to remain sealed until further order of the Court.

The law provides that search warrant related materials may remain under seal during the pendency of an investigation. *See United States v. Custer Battlefield Museum*, 658 F.3d 1188, 1192-93 and 1196 (9th Cir. 2011). In addition, the government may seek an order continuing to maintain the materials under seal even after the return of an indictment or the closure of an investigation based on compelling reasons. *Id. at 1195*.


1 Those reasons can include the need to (1) protect the identity and safety of witnesses, (2)  
2 protect the integrity of other investigations, (3) avoid risk of flight, tampering with  
3 witnesses, or destruction of evidence, (4) protect a national security concern, (5) protect a  
4 matter occurring before the grand jury, (6) protect victims, or (7) protect the safety of the  
5 target of the investigation.

6 Upon review of the files in this matter, and with due consideration of the factors  
7 identified above, the government has determined there is no longer a compelling reason  
8 to maintain the materials under seal and respectfully requests entry of the attached order.

9 DATED this 3rd day of June, 2015.

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11 Respectfully submitted,

12 ANNETTE L. HAYES  
13 United States Attorney

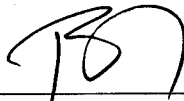
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1 **ORDER**

2 Based upon the government's Motion, and the representations made therein, the  
3 Government's Motion to Unseal is GRANTED.

4 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the search warrant, application, affidavit in  
5 support and accompanying return previously filed under seal in the above-captioned  
6 matter shall be UNSEALED.

7 DATED this 3 day of June, 2015.

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10 The Honorable BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA  
11 United States Magistrate Judge  
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